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SENATOR KREMER: No, the county would apply for a grant to the director and the funds that would be available would...some could come from the...or from the...not the Highway Trust Fund, the...

SENATOR HARTNETT: Environmental Trust.

SENATOR KREMER: ...Environmental Trust Fund or from federal government, as I mentioned before, that they do have funds available that they pass through to the states in order to address noxious weed and invasive weed problems. It could come from gifts. It could come from several places. We're setting up the ability for them to have this, this grant program, in place. They would receive these funds and then they would disseminate them out to people that applied for grants on the county level or something. So it would not necessarily have to start with their money.

SENATOR HARTNETT: It wouldn't. But the grant process would have to start at the local or the state?

SENATOR KREMER: Okay. Pardon me? Yes.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Would the grants have to start at the local? The counties or someone would make a grant application at the local...

SENATOR KREMER: Local, right.

SENATOR HARTNETT: ...then up to the director. Okay.

SENATOR KREMER: It would be a competitive grant program.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Okay. Then on line 13 on the same page, Senator Kremer, to conduct applied research to solve locally significant weed management problem. Who would do the research?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Kremer, did you...

SENATOR KREMER: Okay.